

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

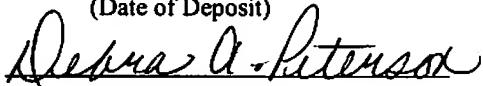
In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims (i.e., claims 3, 9-12, and 15-18) are in condition for allowance and that the application should be passed to issue. The Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if, in the Examiner's opinion, such a phone conference would expedite or aid in the prosecution of this application.

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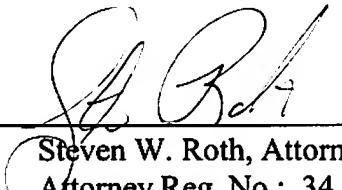
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